CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5   1. A method comprising:

        selecting a subset of a plurality of data objects based on a respective importance of each of the plurality of respective data objects, wherein the plurality of data objects are displayed in a main view; and

        copying the subset to a peek view.

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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting is in response to a pull command at the peek view.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting further comprises:

15   selecting the subset based on a size of the peek view.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        receiving an update to the plurality of data objects; and

        modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.

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5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

        re-selecting the subset based on a change to the importance, wherein the receiving further receives the change to the importance.

25   6. An apparatus comprising:

        means for receiving a plurality of data objects and a plurality of respective importance tags; and

        means for selecting a subset of the plurality of data objects based on the importance tags and based on a peek view associated with a pull command.

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7. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for copying the subset from a main view to the peek view.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the means for selecting based on the peek view is further based on a size of the peek view.

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9. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

    means for copying the subset from the peek view to the main view in response to a push command associated with the peek view.

10   10. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

    means for receiving an update to the plurality of data objects; and

    means for modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.

11. A signal-bearing medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when

15   executed comprise:

    selecting a subset of a plurality of data objects in response to a pull command from a peek view, wherein the plurality of data objects are displayed in a main view; and

    copying the subset to a peek view.

20   12. The signal-bearing medium of claim 11, wherein the selecting further comprises:

    selecting the subset based on a plurality of importance tags associated with the respective plurality of respective data objects, wherein the respective importance tags specify a ranking of the plurality of respective data objects.

25   13. The signal-bearing medium of claim 12, wherein the selecting further comprises:

    selecting the subset based on the plurality of importance tags and a size of the peek view.

14. The signal-bearing medium of claim 11, further comprising:

30   receiving an update to the plurality of data objects; and

    modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.

15. The signal-bearing medium of claim 14, further comprising:

modifying the plurality of data objects in the main view based on the update.

5   16. An electronic device comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

selecting a subset of a first plurality of data objects in response to a pull

10   command from a peek view, wherein the first plurality of data objects are

displayed in a main view,

copying the subset to a peek view,

replacing the first plurality of data objects in the main view with a second

plurality of data objects,

15   receiving an update to the first plurality of data objects, and

modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.

17. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the selecting further comprises:

selecting the subset based on a plurality of importance tags associated with the

20   respective first plurality of respective data objects, wherein the respective importance

tags specify a ranking of the first plurality of respective data objects.

18. The electronic device of claim 17, wherein the selecting further comprises:

selecting the subset based on the plurality of importance tags and a size of the

25   peek view.

19. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

copying the subset back to the main view in response to a push command from

the peek view.

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20. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

sorting data in the subset in the peek view based a sort rule associated with the data.